

****Traffic Advisory** – Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – Update**

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation of a two vehicle crash which claimed the life of a Newark man this morning.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 5:34 a.m. this morning, Thursday, September 14, 2017, as a 44-year-old Newark man was operating a 2008 Nissan Altima and was traveling in a southbound direction on I-95, approximately .5 miles south of Wilmington. For an unknown reason, the operator of the Altima lost control of his vehicle and veered to the right and then to the left. The front of the Altima then struck a concrete barrier before rotating in a counter-clockwise direction. It then came to rest in the roadway facing a northbound direction. Shortly thereafter, the Nissan was struck by a 2003 Toyota Camry, which was traveling on I-95 southbound in the left hand lane, and which was being operated by a 54-year-old Wilmington man. After the impact the Toyota caught fire, however, the operator was able to exit the vehicle before it became completely engulfed in flames.

The operator of the Nissan, who was not properly restrained at the time of the crash, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin. It is unknown at this time if impairment on the part of the victim was a factor in the crash. Excessive speed is not being considered as a factor.

The operator of the Toyota Camry, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by New

Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police, however, charges are not expected.

The southbound lanes of I-95 were closed for approximately six hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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